IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION

DOCKET NO. 3:94-CR-109-FDW

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
)	
vs.)	
)	MEMORANDUM
LEROY LINDSAY,)	OF DECISION
)	
Defendant.)	
)	

In this matter before the Court for a reduction of sentence pursuant to 18 U.S.C.§ 3582(c)(2) and Amendment 706 of the U.S.S.G. (made retroactive by Amendment 713), the Court makes the following findings and conclusions:

- 1. Defendant is eligible for a sentence reduction to a period of confinement equal to Time Served for the reasons set forth in the Supplement to the Presentence Report.
- 2. In the case of a defendant who has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment "based on a sentencing range that has subsequently been lowered by the Sentencing Commission," 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) provides that the Court *may* reduce the term of imprisonment "after considering the factors set forth in section 3553(a) to the extent they are applicable" and if such a reduction is consistent with the applicable policy statements issued by the Sentencing Commission. In the Commentary to U.S.S.G. § 1B1.10, the Sentencing Commission emphasized that the decision to grant a sentence reduction authorized by retroactive amendments is discretionary and that retroactivity does not entitle a defendant to a reduced term of imprisonment as a matter of right.
- 3. The full record before the Court reflects a defendant with above-average experience with the manufacture and sale of crack cocaine and a history of possessing firearms during and in relation to

drug trafficking crimes, but who also has displayed good conduct and some rehabilitative potential while in prison.

- 4. Upon consideration of the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), the possible threat to public safety posed by the early release of a person with this defendant's criminal predispositions, and this defendant's post-sentencing conduct, the court finds:
 - a. That the defendant should receive some benefit from the retroactive application of Amendment 706, but that a reduction to Time Served is inappropriate; and
 - b. That a sentence of **195 months** is adequate, but no greater than necessary, to accomplish the objectives of 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), while a further reduction would frustrate those objectives.¹

An appropriate Order shall issue separately.

Signed: August 11, 2008

Frank D. Whitney

United States District Judge

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¹The Court notes that it is not required under Fourth Circuit case law to undertake an exhaustive analysis of all of the § 3553(a) factors in this Order. <u>See United States v. Legree</u>, 205 F.3d 724, 728-29 (4th Cir. 2000).